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Letter dated 2 August 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 30 July 2013, addressed to you by Mehmet Dânâ, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Y. Halit Çevik
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 2 August 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your kind attention a recent violation of the national airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus by a Greek Cypriot helicopter.

On 14 June 2013, one IXAB-412 type Greek Cypriot helicopter violated the national airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in the direction of South West 0.5 NM (Entry: 35(08'23"K-32(43'11"D, Exit: 35(09'41"K-32(42'00"'D), seriously jeopardizing the safety of civil air navigation. The violation took place for the duration of 59 seconds at 17:01 at an altitude of 400 feet.

The above-mentioned flight of the Greek Cypriot helicopter, which took place without the prior knowledge and consent of our relevant authorities, constitutes a clear violation of the sovereign rights of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus over its airspace. As you are well aware, in line with international rules and regulations aimed at protecting the sovereign rights of States as well as the safety of passengers, prior permission is required for the use of another country's national airspace.

In the light of the above, we protest the said violation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus airspace and expect that the Greek Cypriot authorities will take the necessary precautions to prevent the repetition of such incidents. In this regard, I would also like to reiterate the readiness of the Turkish Cypriot authorities to consider any such requests from Greek Cypriot authorities in the future, given that prior permission is sought.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mehmet **Dânâ**
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus